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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

MINUTES

Meeting of Thursday, April 17, 2003

6:00 p.m.

383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 374A

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Brad Nuremberg, Chair
Sandra Aronberg, Vice Chair
John Hybarger

STAFF PRESENT

Khanh Nguyen
Martha Littlefield
Ken Wales

OTHERS PRESENT

Chanelle Davis, California State Department of Fish and Game
Rebecca Barboza, California State Department of Fish and Game
John Forgy, San Gabriel Valley Quail Unlimited
Tim Bovard, San Gabriel Valley Quail Unlimited
Martha Moreno, Whittier Narrows Regional Park, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
Julie King, Graduate Student, California State University Los Angeles (Grant Recipient)
Alan Muchlinski, Chair, Dept. of Biological Science, Cal State University, Los Angeles
Eric Miller, Graduate Student, Cal State University, Northridge (Grant Applicant)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Nuremberg called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2003

On motion of Commissioner Hybarger, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved the January 16, 2003 minutes.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chairperson Nuremberg reviewed most recent Summary Report of Income, Expenditures and Fund Balance and reported a fund balance of \$156, 594.81 as of February 28, 2003. **On motion of Commissioner Hybarger, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously accepted the financial report as presented.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Steve Holl's Report on the San Gabriel Mountain Bighorn Sheep Restoration Team Meeting Notes February 2003, Lytle Creek R.S. **On motion of Commissioner Hybarger, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved receiving and filing the February 2003 San Gabriel Bighorn Sheep meeting notes.**
- Steve Holl's Report on the San Gabriel Mountain Bighorn Sheep Restoration Team Meeting Notes March 2003, Lytle Creek R.S. **On motion of Commissioner Hybarger, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved receiving and filing the March 2003 San Gabriel Bighorn Sheep meeting notes.**
- California Department of Fish and Game's March 27, 2003 Correspondence. The Department issued a special use permit to the Regional Forester's Office to conduct bighorn sheep capture efforts related to the San Gabriel Bighorn Sheep recovery. **On motion of Commissioner Hybarger, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved receiving and filing the letter.**
- Reply to Request for Records from the California State Department of Fish and Game. The Department of Fish and Game agreed to comply the Commission's February 27, 2003 letter requesting records relating to Bighorn Sheep funding. **On motion of Commissioner Hybarger, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved receiving and filing the letter.**
- Update from the National Wild Turkey Federation. Dr. Ken Campbell of the Los Angeles Museum provided an update on the efforts on the Wild Turkey study. **On motion of Commissioner Hybarger, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved receiving and filing the letter.**

TWO GRANT REQUESTS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

- \$2,500 Grant Request to Purchase Catfish to Stock Cerritos Lake for the June 14, 2003 'Knabe Katch' Fishing Derby at the Cerritos Regional Park. **On motion of Commissioner Hybarger, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved \$2,500 for the purchase and stocking of catfish at Cerritos Lake for the June 14, 2003 'Knabe Katch' Fishing Derby.**
- \$2,500 Grant Request to Purchase Catfish to Stock La Mirada Lake for the September 20, 2003 'Knabe Katch' Fishing Derby at the La Mirada Park. **On motion of Commissioner Hybarger, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved \$2,500 for the purchase and stocking of catfish at the La Mirada Park for the September 20, 2003 'Knabe Katch' Fishing Derby.**

DISCUSSION OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE JUNE 2003 ANNUAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTHERN COUNTIES FISH AND GAME COMMISSIONS

The Commission requested staff arrange the annual conference on or around June 6, 2003. **On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Hybarger, the Commission unanimously approved requesting the Board of Supervisors' approval to hold the Annual Regional Conference of the Southern Counties Fish and Game Commissions.**

GRANT REQUEST FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 TO PURCHASE CATFISH TO STOCK LEGG LAKE AND PROVIDE AWARDS FOR THE JULY 11, 2003 'ALL NIGHT FAMILY FISHING DERBY' AT WHITTIER NARROWS REGIONAL PARK

Martha Moreno provided a brief description the previous derbies held and the planning for the July 11, 2003 derby. The Commission determined that \$3,000 in costs were outside the Fish and Game Code Propagation Fund requirements. **On motion of Commissioner Nuremberg, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved \$5,000 to purchase catfish to stock Legg Lake for the July 11, 2003 'All Night Family Fishing Derby'.**

GRANT REQUEST FROM STEVE HOLL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,980 TO PREPARE THE REPORT DESCRIBING THE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY TO RESTORE THE SAN GABRIEL BIGHORN SHEEP POPULATION

Steve Holl, via teleconference call, provided a detailed description of his request for additional funding to prepare the implementation strategy for the San Gabriel Bighorn Sheep. Previous funding will be depleted by the end of April. The California State Department of Fish and Game asked Mr. Holl to assume a lead role in the study. Mr. Holl anticipates the completion of the study and submitting his finding by the end of July. He intends to have experts from both in and outside the State, not involved in the study, review his implementation strategies and data.

On motion of Commissioner Hybarger, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved an amount not to exceed \$19,980 for the preparation and submission of the Implementation Strategy to Restore the San Gabriel Bighorn Sheep.

GRANT REQUEST FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER OF QUAIL UNLIMITED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,500 FOR NEVADA STYLE GUZZLER ROOF REPAIRS ON LIBRE/SAWMILL MOUNTAINS

John Forgy reported that these guzzler sites have sustained damage and they need to be restored to ensure the quail population survival in those areas. **On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Hybarger, the Commission unanimously approved \$5,500 to repair the Nevada Style Guzzlers.**

UPDATE AND GRANT REQUEST FROM CALIFORNIA STATE LOS ANGELES UNIVERSITY AUXILIARY SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FOR THE CONTINUED STUDY OF THE CURRENT DISTRIBUTION OF THE FOX SQUIRREL IN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN AREA

Julie King, graduate researcher, reported her initial findings on the incursion of the fox squirrel into the areas that traditionally were the domain of the local grey squirrel. She found 257 locations along the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains and urbanized areas of Los Angeles through her survey where the fox squirrel is fully entrenched. Fox squirrels fair well in urbanized areas and are moving into the developing housing tracts. The decline of the grey squirrel is due to the loss of habitat and the introduction of the fox squirrel. The fox squirrel is capable of producing two liters per year while the grey squirrel only produces one. The fox squirrel is highly aggressive to mid-sized predators like hawks and coyotes and has begun preying on migratory birds' nesting areas that were not preyed upon by the grey squirrel. Ms. King concluded with an overview of the next phase of the study and the use of the grant funds. **On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Hybarger, the**

Commission unanimously accepted the preliminary Fox Squirrel Study report and approved \$5,000 to complete the Fox Squirrel Study.

GRANT REQUEST FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE, THE UNIVERSITY CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,911 FOR CAPTIVE BREEDING PROGRAM FOR THE SPOTTED SAND BASS

Eric Miller, graduate student, California State University Northridge, discussed the development of a pilot hatchery program for the Spotted Sand Bass by the Nearshore Marine Fish Research Program along with plans for a release program. The Commission expressed concern regarding the project and its affect on other species within the test location. **On motion of Commissioner Hybarger, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously denied the grant request to pilot a Spotted Sand Bass breeding program.**

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.